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New Brockton Town Council holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted a quick and routine monthly meeting Monday evening, Oct. 2, as several updates were provided.

Following his report of monthly citations and incident/offense reports from the department, Police Chief Dale Grimes asked council members to consider sending Michael Darbro to the police academy for training.

Council member Vicky Harrison asked if the town currently has funds available to send anyone to the police academy. Town clerk Annette Williams said not currently, but the funds would be available by the time Darbro is expected to go to the academy.

Council members voted unanimously to approve Grimes' request.

Mayor Charles Cole provided an update regarding the Tyler Street road project. He said the bids were received and opened. Cole said he understands that Carter Construction Company of Andalusia was awarded the bid at \$237,310.

"We are so glad to see the bids opened and awarded," Cole said in regards to the project. "Hopefully, work will begin soon."

While on the subject of Tyler Street, Mayor Cole also said he remains concerned about the Hwy. 34 project where it will cross Tyler Street. Being so near to the high school, Cole said it concerns him that the intersection will not have a red light.

There will be stop signs on Tyler Street at the intersection, however, Mayor Cole said he worries this will not be good enough especially for the buses trying to cross four lanes of traffic. He encouraged everyone to contact local representatives regarding this in an effort to try and get additional safety features for this intersection.

Mayor Cole said the progress continues to be made on the demolition grant project. He said Phase I is nearing completion while Phase II has been advertised.

Mayor Cole said the town submitted a bid to purchase the National Guard Armory building in New Brockton. He said the submitted bid for the building was \$45,000, and he has been informed the town can purchase the building for that amount.

The National Guard soon will be vacating the building.

Cole said he feels real good about this. He said it's up to the town now to come up with the money.

Other announcements made during the meeting included:

- New Brockton Town Hall offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

- The New Brockton Christmas pageants will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. at the New Brockton High School.

- The New Brockton Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2, and committee members said they are looking forward to a very good Christmas parade.

- Mayor Cole named Carr Riggs & Ingram of Enterprise as auditors.



New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole is shown above inspecting the new fire truck recently acquired by the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department.

As Elba Chamber of Commerce begins busy season

"Old Haunted Jail" returns for more spooky adventures

by Linda Hodge, Editor

October begins a busy yet exciting season for the Elba Chamber of Commerce as many events are planned for the upcoming months.

Plans currently are being made for the second annual "Old Haunted Jail" event. The haunted jail will be open seven nights during the month of October for those interested in a frightful adventure.

A huge fund raising event for the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the "Old Haunted Jail" has become a favorite event for everyone involved.

Chamber officials assure everyone that while the event features the same location, the haunting will be filled with many new scenes and creatures. However, there also may still be a few familiar scary foes to contend with during the haunting.

Of course, the former Coffee County Jail building, located on

Putnam Street in Elba (next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce office), is the setting for the "Old Haunted Jail." The dates for this year's haunted house will be October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31. Additional information will be made available as details are finalized.

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the jail for those helping with the haunted jail event.

Another very popular event sponsored by the Chamber during the month of October is "Pumpkins on the Square." As always, chamber officials consider this event as a kickoff for the holiday season.

"Pumpkins on the Square" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31 (Halloween), from 5:30-7 p.m. on the square in Elba.

Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme. Also, merchants are asked to display

their Halloween spirit by dressing in costume. All merchants are encouraged to treat children in costume with candies.

Due to the overwhelming response again last year, chamber officials are asking for candy donations that will be distributed to the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office. Any business that is not located around the square is welcome to set-up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters.

To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest, or most original costume in each age division. Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are as follows: 1 month to 12 months, 2 years to 3 years, 4 years to 5 years, 1st grade thru 3rd grade and 4th grade thru 6th grade.

As always, the month of



HEALTH FAIR ALLOWS CITIZENS TO GET CHECKED...The Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce jointed sponsored the annual Health Fair and Business Expo last Saturday, Sept. 30, on the square in Elba. Many local citizens used the opportunity as a quick check-up as free screenings were provided for: blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, breathing strength, osteoporosis, sleep disorders, vision and hearing (the vision and hearing screening were sponsored by the Elba Lion's Club). Mary McMillan (right) was among the many Elba citizens receiving a check on blood sugar and cholesterol. While most did not look forward to having their finger pricked, everyone seemed to agree that a small amount of pain was well worth the free screening. The health fair also allowed citizens to acquire information on several matters including: home medical equipment, long term care, nutrition, smoking cessation, breast cancer awareness, emergency rescue, fire safety, fall prevention, home health care, diabetes, hypertension and animal safety. More than 15 businesses participated in the business expo portion of the event and each provided local citizens with valuable information regarding their services and also a few free treats. The day's events also included a Red Cross Blood Drive in which local citizens helped the organization surpass the day's goal.

Elba recognizes Oct. 2-6 as Public Natural Gas Week

The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD) along with other natural gas systems across the nation this week is observing Public Natural Gas Week.

In recognition of the week, Elba Mayor James Grimes

signed a proclamation Wednesday, Sept. 27, in honor of the city's support for the natural gas industry.

Public Natural Gas Week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of public gas. Natural gas is said to be among the cleanest and most affordable fuels available.

Greg Henderson, president and CEO of The Southeast Alabama Gas District, said

SEAGD is pleased and excited to be able to participate in this important effort.

The SEAGD will observe Public Natural Gas Week with Open House at each of the company's three divisional offices. In addition, smaller celebrations will take place at offices in Abbeville, Brundidge, Daleville, Elba, Eufaula, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

Open House in Elba will be Thursday, Oct. 5.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) signed a proclamation last week proclaiming Oct. 2-6 as Public Natural Gas Week in Elba. Shown above with Mayor Grimes is Don King, representing The Southeast Alabama Gas District.

NOTICE

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross conducted a Blood Drive last Saturday, Sept. 30, in Elba.

On Monday of this week, Alma West, Coffee County volunteer blood drive coordinator, reported an every wheeling response for the blood drive. She said the goal for the blood drive was 25 pints, and the people of Elba donated a total of 31 pints of blood during the drive.

"I am so proud of Elba," West said. "Your kindness will never ever be forgotten. You go Elba!"

West said the Red Cross will return soon to the Elba area for another blood drive, and she definitely wanted to say "thank you" for last weekend's support.

Area Happenings

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON starts week six Friday, Oct. 6, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Pike County, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to G.W. Long, the Kinston Bulldogs will host Arizon, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Providence Christian and the Bramley Bulldogs will travel to McKenzie. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

PARENT VISITATION AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will be Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. During this time, parents will be able to pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

A TRAIL ENROLLMENT MEETING will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at Elba High School beginning at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents interested in their child taking college classes while in high school should attend this meeting.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMEcoming Friday, Oct. 27. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 10 a.m. in the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1976 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade will be at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be lined by calling Margaret Johnson at Elba High School, 897-2366. Friday night the Homecoming Court will be presented at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Abbeville at 7 p.m.

Protect Meet the Elba Police



Sgt. James A. Dozier.

Patrol Sergeant James A. Dozier joined the Elba Police Department 10 1/2 years ago and has enjoyed his years of service to the community.

In all, Sgt. Dozier has spent 12 years in law enforcement. He also served 1 1/2 years with the Opp Police Department.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Sgt. Dozier said, "helping victims in the 1998 flood of Elba, Ala."

His special/advanced training includes Alabama POST certification and the completion of hosts of training courses and classes for law enforcement.

Beyond the department, Sgt. Dozier said he enjoys fishing, singing and visiting old friends. His family includes his wife Deborah; daughters Shaerail Russell, Chelsea Dozier and Keyona Dozier; and his son Trey Dozier.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

More school children have suffered violence in the past week, the latest was the killings in the small, rural Amish school in Lancaster County, PA. This time it was another adult randomly selecting a school or group to receive the violence. Many will debate if it was better for the criminals to die at the scene or should they still be around to explain their actions and "be punished". While we also wonder why anyone would do such a thing, it is doubtful the full answer would ever be known even if the last two killers had not taken their own lives in the school classrooms. This last guy reportedly said he was insulted, got his feelings hurt or something like that 20 years ago. For the moment assume it happened and was a terrible insult. . . . but why kill in revenge and why would he take it out on these little girls? They were not even alive at the time and he apparently didn't pick them by name, but just because they were little girls. There may have been some connection to the Amish people, but again these girls never did anything to this guy. Plus the Amish beliefs are counter to insulting others. . . they just want to be left along to raise their families and worship God in their own way.

Gosh, we had a house full of younger sisters who never learned proper respect for their big brother, but tying them up and shooting them execution style never crossed our mind. (admittedly, we did at times threaten to choke them for messing with our "stuff").

The most often heard question on the lips of American citizens is, "How do we defend against such violence?" The truth probably is that we can never completely remove the threat of such things happening, neither at school, at work, at play nor in the privacy of our own homes. Reality has shown that metal detectors, gate guards, etc. are not the perfect cure. A guard at the door of the small Amish school would have just been one more casualty to a calculating person determined to get inside and impose headline catching violence. The milk truck driver "got quite" in the last two weeks according to co-workers. However we can't lock up everyone because our mind happens to be pre-occupied with things from a major family problem, unpaid bills, lawn mower again needing repair or replacing, down to an itchy big toe.

We picked up a bit more information this week on the progress (or lack thereof) on the bankrupt court sale of the Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba. The potential buyer from Colorado didn't meet the deadline last week for putting up the balance of the agreed upon cash to purchase the plant and other assets. Court officials are now back to talking with previous suitors who were interested in the company's assets, including the factory site in Elba.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for a dog bite, one for trespassing, three for criminal mischief, three for theft of property, two for burglary, one for an attempted burglary, one accident, two for domestic violence, one for disorderly conduct, one for harassment, one domestic complaint and one for driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a suspended driver's license, three for not wearing a seat belt, one for speeding, one for improper equipment, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and two for a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, SEPT. 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1048 County Rd. 337 (11:27 a.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26 - Report of a robbery with a gun discharged on Jackson St. (12:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1927 Hwy. 189 S. (3:59 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1227 Farris Ave. (9:41 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 518 (5:53 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Forest Lake Dr. (8:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the probate office at the court-

house (3:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1499 Clayton Ave. (9:16 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 - Burglary reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (12:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1611 Forest Lake Dr. (3:42 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8169 County Rd. 105 (4:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20079 Hwy. 189 N. (10:46 a.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a 2-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 189 N. at County Rd. 337 (5:18 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189 N. (5:18 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (6:22 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Teresa St. (11:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1546 Gray St. (1:45 a.m.); Wreck reported at Highland Dr. and Taylor Mill Rd. (2:51 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Highland Dr. and Taylor Mill Rd. (3:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Medical Arts Pharmacy (11:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 647 Fine Cove Dr. (12:31 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1316 Neil Grantham Dr. (4:33 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 825 Putnam St. (5:16 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 706 Newton St. (5:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 11927 Hwy. 189 (10:45 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 1 - Prowler

Elba native to be inducted into UA College of Communication Hall of Fame

A national sports broadcasting innovator and a distinguished journalist, television anchor and award-winning author will be inducted into The University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences Hall of Fame Oct. 19. The induction ceremonies will be at the NorthRiver Yacht Club.

Established by the C&IS Board of Visitors, the Communication Hall of Fame was created in 1998 to honor, preserve and perpetuate the names and accomplishments of civic and communication personalities who have brought lasting fame to the state of Alabama. This year marks the ninth class of inductees into the Hall of Fame. These honored individuals include the late Simmons and Elba native Bob Inman.

"Bob and Chet represent the finest in writing and broadcasting," said Dr. Loy Singleton, dean of C&IS. "They reached the top of their respective professions and then pursued new challenges, reaching new heights. Their accomplishments are to be admired by even the most successful, and they will serve as an inspiration for generations."

The Communication Hall of Fame Gallery is located on the UA campus. Journalist, screenwriter, novelist and columnist, Robert Inman began his career in junior high school, writing for his hometown's weekly newspaper, The Elba Clipper.

Upon graduating from The University of Alabama in 1965, he launched his on-air career as a reporter and anchor for WSPA-TV in Montgomery. He served as press secretary for

Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer from 1968 to 1970, followed by a five-year stint as an anchor for WBT, the number one station in Charlotte, N.C. In 1975 Inman left WBT to become director of university relations for The University of Alabama, returning to WBT again in 1979. Over the next 17 years, he not only would be Charlotte's most recognized anchor, he would also spend five years as a Sunday columnist for The Charlotte Observer.

In 1996 Inman left a 30-year career in journalism to pursue his passion for writing. He has written four novels: "Home Fires Burning," "Old Dogs and Children," "Dairy Queen Days" and "Captain Saturday," all published by Little, Brown and Co. and all still in print. In 2000 the Down Home Press published a collection of his essays titled "Coming Home: Life, Love and All Things Southern." Three of Inman's novels were awarded the Outstanding Fiction Award by the Alabama Library Association, and three were selected by independent book dealers nationwide as "Book Sense 76" feature recommendations. In 1987, the Philadelphia Enquirer named "Home Fires Burning" one of the best books of the year.

It has been said that Inman is

"a master at capturing the simple pleasures and recognizing the goodness in people" and that "the word 'home' resonates through the works of Robert Inman." He has been called "one of the finest chroniclers of small-town Southern life" and a "swifty, utterly charming storyteller, who portrays comedy with a full appreciation of its tenderness and pain."

Inman's debut screenplay, "Crossroads," a musical comedy for which he wrote the script, lyrics and music, premiered in June 2003 at the Blowing Rock Stage Company in Blowing Rock, N.C. Numerous theater companies nationwide have produced "Crossroads." The Blowing Rock Stage Company also produced Inman's play which, "The Summer of Ben Tyler," was awarded the 1997 Writers Guild of America Award for best original television screenplay. Inman claims to take the same approach to writing a screenplay as he does a novel or even a newspaper column: "start with the basics, start with the people and tell their story."

Inman graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in radio and television and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from The University of Alabama, and he holds an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Queens College of Charlotte. In 1989 he was named "Outstanding Alumnus" by the College of Communication and Information Sciences at UA, and in 2002 he was inducted into the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity Hall of Fame.

Inman resides in Charlotte and Boone, N.C., with his wife, Paulette; they have two daughters. Despite numerous accomplishments and awards, this hugely successful broadcast journalist and author likes to think of himself as "just a small-town kid and a storyteller."

BULLETIN BOARD

- ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - The Baptist Church, Call 365-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com.
- ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information
- SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE - Thurs. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- ELBA OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Py Folks, Enterprise
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 p.m. the FBO office at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7 a.m. - Ranch House

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

I would just like to express my appreciation to the members of the Coffee County Water Board and all those who worked on the rural water project. It is such a blessing that I can wash my white clothes at home in nice clear water.

I know that all of them endured a lot of calls from impatient residents - I for one - wondering when we would get the water (and I do think we were last), but they were all very polite and reassuring. And, the lady at the office has been so nice and pleasant.

I'm sure a lot of behind the scenes planning and work and commitment went into this project from the inception. So, again, our thanks to all of them. Faye Holliday

Dear Editor,

Confederate Cemetery victim of vandalism

Ten headstones were knocked off their foundations and four pillars were destroyed recently at the Confederate Cemetery on Washington Avenue in Fredericksburg, according to police in a story printed in the Fredericksburg News.

Police aren't sure when it actually happened.

Thousands of Civil War soldiers are buried in the old cemetery. Many of their identities are unknown.

There have been similar incidents at the cemetery over the years, including vandalism in 2003 and 2001.

"I think it is sad that while cemeteries are being restored all over the country and citizens are upset because two gravestones are broken no one in Elba seems to be upset by 50 or more gravestones being broken by the City of Elba," she said. "I am interested I have a wide scope and still pictures made in the green center complex a few years ago when there were almost no broken gravestones. The new fence shore is purty, though."

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know where it is today" - Robert E. Lee

rick Boswell

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Mark Your Calendar

Elba Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

October:

- 7th - Haunted House Work Day
- 11th - Little Miss NPF Pageant (Dothan)
- 14th - Miss NPF Pageant (Dothan)
- 19th - Farm City Ladies Luncheon
- 20th - Old Haunted Jail opens
- 21st - Holiday of Hope (Dothan)
- Old Haunted Jail
- 26th - Old Haunted Jail
- 27th - Elba High School Homecoming
- Old Haunted Jail
- 28th - Old Haunted Jail
- 30th - Old Haunted Jail
- 31st - Pumpkins on the Square
- Old Haunted Jail
- Trick or Treat

November:

- 3rd - Farm City Press Conference
- 11th - Veterans Day
- 14th - Retired Teachers Day
- 16th - Farm City Banquet
- 23rd - Thanksgiving
- 25th - Christmas Festival and Parade
- December:
- 2nd - New Brockton Christmas Parade
- 10th - Tour of Homes
- 24th - Christmas Eve
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 31st - New Year's Eve

For more information regarding these upcoming events or to add an event to the calendar, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125

Kaye Whitworth, executive director Dye Medlock, administrative assistant

Obituaries

BAMA GAIL DONALDSON FARRIS

Mrs. Bama Gail Donaldson Farris, age 42, of Samson, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at her home in Samson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Nathan Carroll and Rev. Sam Totten officiating. Burial followed in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to a church or charity of choice.

Bama was preceded in death by her father, Jack L. Donaldson.

Survivors include her husband: Scott Farris, Samson; one son: William Scott (wife Jessica) Gibson, Fort Hood, Texas; two daughters: Brittany Whitehead and Christy Marie Farris, Enterprise, Ala.; her mother: Mrs. A. Phillip, Burial, Jacqueline Ann (husband Jack) Smith, Panama City Beach, Fla.; Wanda Sue (husband Chippie) Mauldin, Elba; one grandson: Ethan Jack Gibson; and two granddaughters: Hannah Rose Eccles and Morgan Brooke Eccles, all of Fort Hood.

WILLIAM ALFRED BRAZELTON SR.

Mr. William Alfred Brazelton Sr., age 69, of Birmingham, Ala., former resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 in Hoover, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Brazelton was preceded in death by his father, Ellis D. Brazelton; and a son, William Alfred Brazelton Jr.

Survivors include wife;

Frances Brazelton, Birmingham; his mother: Anyce Brazelton, Elba; a sister: JoAnn Brazelton, Homewood, Ala.; and a granddaughter: Jessica Brazelton, Rose Hill, Ala.

EDWARD BOYD STALLARD

Mr. Edward Boyd "Big Daddy Eddie" "Butter" Stallard, age 55, of Crestline, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 at O S Medical Center.

He was born on April 18, 1951 in Mansfield, Ohio and was the son of Lovell Sr. and Jocie (Jarrell) Stallard. He and his wife were foster parents and received two Distinguished Governor Awards for adoption.

Funeral services were held Wednesday and conducted by Dr. Bruce A. Phillips. Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery, Crestline. The Ontario Home of Wapner Funeral Directors assisted the family with arrangements.

Online guest registry at www.wapner.com

He was preceded in death by his parents; and father-in-law, Marion "Hoot" Carroll.

Survivors include his wife: Debbie Sue (Carroll) Stallard; 13 children: Tami McDermott Culler, Wilmington, Ohio; William Haywood, Danville, Ohio; Geneva M. Russell, Syracuse, N.Y.; Sara A. Stallard; Heidi S. Stallard, Melissa A. Stallard, Ashley N. Stallard, Edward D. Stallard, Joella M. S. Stallard, Anthony J. Stallard and Desiree L. Stallard, all of Crestline; Amanda M. Stallard, Port Clinton, Ohio; Filisha D. Stallard, Mansfield, Ohio; two brothers: Rev. Lovell (wife Betty) Stallard, Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Rev. Ronald (wife Valerie) Stallard, Elba, Ala.; one

sister: Loretta Hinton, Lexington; brothers-in-law: James M. Carroll, Myron (wife Kathy) Carroll and Michael Carroll, all of Crestline; sisters-in-law: Frances Bauer and Shirley (Tom) Deeb, both of Crestline; and Kathy (Richard) Weaver, Ontario; his mother-in-law: Margaret Carroll; and his grandchildren: Jessica Haywood, Maria Russell, Julianna McCoy and Leilah McCoy.

ERNESTINE BROOKS RHOADES

Mrs. Ernestine Brooks Rhoades, age 87, of Kinston, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Mrs. Rhoades was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Ruth Rhoades Brooks; husband, Roger W. Rhoades; daughter, Gayla Maxine Rhoades; brother, Donald Brooks; and sister, Nina Riles.

Survivors include three sons: Hoyt (wife Judy) Rhoades, Elba; Harold (wife Amelia) Rhoades, Kinston; Douglas (wife Teresa) Rhoades,

29, 1919 to Will and Ruth (Hawkins) Brooks. She was a 1938 graduate of Kinston High School. She lived her life in Coffee County and married Carlton E. Rhoades on September 23, 1940. They were married for 51 years. She was known as "Maw-Maw" to many special people.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2006 at Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp with burial in The Rhoades Cemetery. Her pastor, Rev. Danny Bradshaw, officiated the service and Billy Chambliss and Joyce Bradshaw shared special music.

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Enterprise; five brothers: William Brooks, Opp; Buford Brooks, Anniston, Ala.; James Brooks, Albany, Ga.; Rex Brooks, Pensacola, Fla.; four sisters: Virginia Thomas, Enterprise; Nell Devane, Winter Haven, Fla.; Geraldine Grantham, Andalusia; Annette Roller, Niceville, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Kinston First Assembly of God, P. O. Box 38, Kinston, AL, 36453.

JACK CLEVELAND WISE

Mr. Jack Cleveland Wise, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Phillip Wise officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Wise was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and

Bonnie Wise, and two daughters, Kaye and Faye Wise, all of Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Olene Wise, Elba; two sons: Roger Wise, Elba, Larry (wife Judy) Wise, Dothan, Ala.; one sister: Mary Hughes, Gantt, Ala.; one granddaughter: Kim Wise, Birmingham, Ala.; and one grandson: Kyle (wife Rina) Wise, Atlanta, Ga.

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Kidnapping Stuns Nation

Early on the morning of October 3, 1970 James Cross, the British Consul in Montreal, Canada was getting ready for work. Without warning, an armed band of terrorists stormed into his home, seized the startled diplomat, and introduced North America to kidnapping as a weapon of political terror. Before spiriting him away in a waiting car, they identified themselves to an astonished gardener as members of the FLQ.

Montreal, nestled between the Laurentian Shield and Vermont's Green Mountains was a city of 2,000,000 people in 1970. Originally settled by the French in the 1600's, it became part of British North America under the Treaty of Paris in 1763. As English settlers began moving to Quebec, its original settlers continued speaking French. When Canada became a country in 1867, the province of Quebec was one of its founding members.

In the next century, the French majority and English minority coexisted peacefully, each in their separate worlds. Then, during the 1960's, the government initiated a broad program of social changes that included repurposing the educational system and introducing universal health care. An unanticipated side effect was the awakening of Quebec nationalism among its French.

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1970 October Crisis
As It Happens is a daily current affairs program broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on their national radio network. This compilation of documents and interviews allows the user to listen to interviews conducted during the crisis. Web Address: <http://radio.cbc.ca/programs/1970october/>

Chronology of the October Crisis, 1970, and Its Aftermath
Compiled by Claude Belanger of Marianopolis College in Montreal, this timeline includes events leading up to the kidnappings, as well as explaining the trials and later activities of the kidnappers. Web Address: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/y/chronos/october.htm>

Documents on the October Crisis
Also compiled by Claude Belanger, the collection includes correspondence between government officials written during the crisis, a list of the FLQ demands, newspaper reaction to the events, and letters written by the kidnap victims to their families. Web Address: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/doc/october/index.htm>

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Bonnie Vaughan honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday, September 24



Pictured 1 to r: Mrs. Jean Vaughan, Mrs. Candace Vaughan, Miss Bonnie Vaughan-honoree, Mrs. Mary Halpin and Mrs. Janice Phillips

Many friends gathered at the lovely home of Mrs. Janice Phillips for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Bonnie Vaughan, bride-elect of Mr. Jamey Halpin, on Sunday afternoon, September 24, 2006. The front door was decorated with a petal covered wooden heart, entwined with ribbon and personalized with the names of the future bride and groom. Mrs. Phillips greeted the guests and presented them to Miss Bonnie Vaughan, the honoree. Mrs. Candace Vaughan, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Jean Vaughan, paternal grandmother of the honoree; and Mrs. Mary Halpin, stepmother of the future groom. Guests were then directed to the registry table, which was attended by Holly Vaughan, aunt of the bride-to-be. Guests enjoyed mingling and viewing the wide assortment of gifts displayed throughout the home before proceeding to the dining room for refreshments. Dainty petit fours, crackers topped with cheese spread, and an assortment of nuts were served from a table covered with a beautiful ecru embroidered cloth. Accenting the table was an elegant arrangement of colorful zinnias and Gerbera daisies interspersed with Boston fern and gladiolus spears radiating from a tall, slender urn. Miss Katie Vaughan, sister of the future bride, served punch from a crystal punch service. Assisting Mrs. Phillips as hostesses were Janice Allen, Marcia Ballah, Harriette Boyd, Kathy Bozeman, Pat Clark, Daphne Cook, Sharon Cowen, Hedy Cox, Kathy Giles, Henrietta Grimes, Ella Kate Ham, Jean Helms, Mary Holley, Carol Jackson, Lynn Lewis, Janice D. McCall, Millie McCollough, Judy Melo, Velma Moore, Liz Murdock, Shelia Nelson, Freddie Pearce, Kathy Smith, Sara Strong, Allona Vaughan, Ella Jean Vaughan, Kaye Whitworth, and Mary Young.



Pictured with Annisley are her parents, Kyle and Dana Padgett, and her brother, Avery.

Annisley Padgett, Little Miss New Brockton honored with reception

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, Annisley Marye Padgett, Little Miss New Brockton, 2006-2007, was honored with a reception at the Covenant Community Church, on Hickman Avenue, Elba, Ala.

Kyle Padgett, Annisley's father, greeted the guests at the double-door entrance of Covenant. The doors were marked with large pink bows with crowns weaved into the bows. Long streamers fell from the bows and swirled in the gentle afternoon breeze. The doors were flanked by two large ferns.

Kyle directed the guests to the registry table, which was skirting the center of the room. The table held a silver tulle miniature with pink and purple flowers. A white basket of white hand fans bearing Annisley's photogenic picture, a fuchsia crown with #35 (her pageant number), and her name and title printed in fuchsia was situated next to the guest book. One of Annisley's buttons and cards for the pageant were displayed on the registry table. The fans, buttons, and cards served as souvenirs of this special evening. These items will be used by Annisley's supporters when they attend the National Peanut Pageant.

Dana Padgett, Annisley's mother, assisted Annisley in welcoming her guests. Annisley was radiant in her pink heirloom dress, her banner, and her crown. Her banner was laden with many buttons that she has collected at the many parties and teas that have been held in the Wiregrass for the 49 contestants in this year's pageant. Some of the queens in this area were among the many guests. Throughout the summer, the queens have developed a memorable camaraderie.

The guests were seated at tables covered with elegant white cloths. Pink candles outlined with pink confetti and sprinkled with jumbo peanuts served as centerpieces.

Over 100 guests registered during the afternoon to congratulate Annisley and wish her good luck in the National Peanut Festival Pageant on Oct. 7, 2006. The reception was hosted by her parents and grandparents.

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on October 18th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Pot-Folks. This month's speakers will be Dr. Diane Hassan, about her life living and working in Iraq during the Saddam Hussein regime and Dwight Adams, the Republican nominee for State Senate district 31. Everyone is welcome. Call Jan White for reservation and info, 348-2451.

The annual Grimes Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at Noon when descendants of the 14 children of James Shorter and Melissa Tillis Grimes gather at New Ebenezer Baptist Church pavilion in the Curtis Community.

James Shorter was the first person buried in the cemetery nearby. The old home place is about one mile south of the church and cemetery.

Jim Blankenship and family of Millbrook, Ala., son of the youngest child Ellie, will be hosting this year's reunion. Bring a covered dish and drink. Everything else will be furnished. For more information, call Nell Gilmer at 897-1255.

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LIFESTYLES

Goethe-Stinson wedding held in Atlanta

The Peachtree Club, Atlanta, Ga., was the setting for the candlelight wedding ceremony uniting Leslie Adonna Stinson and Jeremy Alan Goethe. The marriage ceremony was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at five o'clock in the evening with Reverend Varon Crosby, an associate of Dr. Charles Stanley of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Stinson of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Gaimore and Mrs. Edna Sue Stinson and the late Mr. Earl Stinson of Elba, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goethe of Germantown, Tenn., are the parents of the groom. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stan Weiner of Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Marion Seltzer of Atlanta.

As the guests exited the elevators on the twenty-eighth floor of the Peachtree Plaza, they were greeted by the bride and groom's parents and directed into an elegant lobby. In the lobby Miss Brooke Stinson, cousin of the bride, registered the guests from a massive cherry table holding a mixed arrangement of flowers, the bride's book, and wedding programs.

Folds of white tulle gathered onto a temporary frame formed the backdrop for the ceremony. A massive pedestal centered beneath an elaborate crystal chandelier held a grand arrangement of soft jade roses, creamy white Escimo roses, white callas, green cymbidium orchids, green and white dendrobium orchids, and green hypericum berries. This arrangement of flowers was dedicated in memory of the bride's late grandfather Mr. Earl Stinson.

Rose petals and cymbidium orchids were strewn on the pedestal, which also held the unity candle. Two large silver candleabra holding white tapers flanked the pedestal and completed the setting for the double ring ceremony.

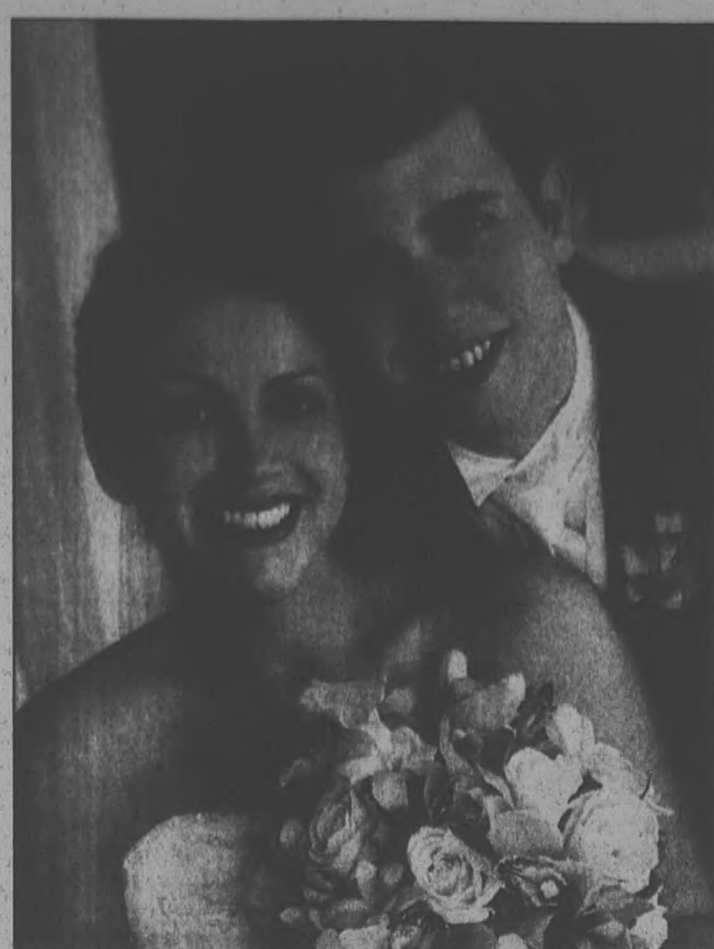
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal strapless, a-line gown with a sweetheart neckline in imperial satin with an asymmetrical gathered waist. The rosettes throughout the bodice were delicately beaded and embroidered in antique silver. The back of the dress was cut up in a cone style and fell into a chapel-length train. Her shoulder-length veil of tulle fell from a rhinestone comb.

The bride carried a bouquet of white and jade orchids, callas, and roses. She also carried a lace handkerchief given her by her grandmother Gaimore.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Elba Stinson, sister of the bride, Elba-Bridemaids included Miss Jennifer Sapp, Trussville, Ala.; Miss Cathy Dewitt, Atlanta; Miss Rissa Weathers, Franklin, Tenn.; and Miss Abby Depalma, Asheville, N.C.

The attendants were attired in layered floor length black tulle gowns laced with a matching shawl. The attendants carried nosegays with the same assortment of flowers as the bride's bouquet.

Mr. Adam Goethe, brother of the groom of Montgomery, Ala., served as best man.



Mr. & Mrs. Tim Morrow

Mr. Morrow & Miss Snell united in marriage

Tim Morrow of Cuthbert, Georgia (formerly of Elba) and Donna Snell of Slocumb were married on June 30, 2006.

Parents of the couple are Ann Morrow and the late Farrah D. Morrow of Elba and Mrs. Sadie Hall and the late Mr. Randul



Azalea Garden Club honors Jackie Quisenberry with luncheon on September 13

A luncheon was held in honor of Jackie Quisenberry, state president of the Garden Club of Alabama on September 13. This began the new 2006-2007 year for the Azalea Garden Club. Mrs. Quisenberry brought the club up to date on her goals for the state organizations and recommended different projects for the club to consider.

Members attending were (left to right): Nona Cooper, Patsy meek, Ruth Inman, Betty Vaughan, Jackie Quisenberry (State President), Martha Guerrero, Dora Bias, Betty Cox and Wanda Shirley, not pictured.

Sarah Elizabeth Maddox completes Master of Public Health degree

Sarah Elizabeth Maddox, formerly of Elba, AL, has completed a Masters of Public Health degree in the field of Maternal and Child Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Sarah received her Bachelor of Science degree in the field of Nutrition from The University of Alabama in May of 2005. Sarah was active throughout both her graduate and undergraduate studies, and recently completed an internship with UAB Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. She is also an alumni of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Phi Mu Sorority. Sarah is a 2001 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. She is the daughter of Ms. Paula Maddox, and the granddaughter of Robert and Manhus McAttee, all of Cadiz, Kentucky.



Sarah Elizabeth Maddox

C.C. Republican Committee to meet Oct. 17

The Coffee County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, 6 PM, at Pot-Folks restaurant in Enterprise. Call Joan Ayer 347-1856.

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The Featured Players Theatre to present "Dracula"

This October, The Featured Players Theatre, 158 S. Foster St. in downtown Dothan will be presenting the Bram Stoker classic "Dracula" as adapted to the stage by Crane Johnson.

The story unfolds at the mansion of prominent scientist Dr. Seward, where a strange ailment has afflicted both Seward's fiancée Lucy and man-servant Renfield. Unable to find a scientific explanation, Seward enlists the help of England's foremost metaphysician, Professor Van Helsing. Their investigation leads them to straight to Seward's new neighbor... a

Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Alan Goethe

lobby of the Wyndham Hotel. The groom's cake was the traditional two-layer chocolate cake. The top layer featured a monogram created with white icing.

Late in the evening Leslie's Alpha Omicron Pi sisters serenaded Leslie and Jeremy with a traditional wedding ritual song. Afterwards, the bride and groom followed tradition by tossing the bride's garter and bouquet into a large assembly of family and friends.

Spectrum Entertainment provided music for the reception.

As the wedding celebration came to a close, the bride and groom exited the elevators at ground level of the Peachtree Club in a shower of bubbles furnished by a parade of wedding guests.

The newly weds were chauffeured from the Peachtree Club in a white 1970 vintage Rolls Royce.

Leslie and Jeremy now reside in Smyrna, Ga.

PRE-NUPITAL PARTIES

Following the wedding rehearsal, the wedding party and other guests were shuttled to Staley's Grace International Bistro and Art Exposition located on Crescent Avenue in the heart of Midtown Atlanta. The wedding party feasted from a delicious buffet consisting of stuffed pork tenderloin with wild mushroom-stuffed bourdain, bourbon cured salmon bourdain, infused salmon fillets served with a sauce lyonnaise, oven roasted chicken-oven roasted airline breast with a parmesan-peppercorn jus. Side dishes included potatoes and sauce Robert, grilled asparagus and other assorted grilled vegetables. Mesclon mix salad with cherry tomatoes and cucumbers with a choice of dressing, and seasonal fresh fruit. The meal was served with a choice of red or white wine off the reserve list. The chef's special brownies with ice cream were served as dessert. The dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom.

On Sunday morning following the wedding, all out-of-town wedding guests gathered at ten o'clock for a tasty brunch in the lobby of the Wyndham Hotel. The sumptuous brunch consisted of grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, fruit, pancakes, cereals, muffins, and a variety of juices, milk, and coffee. This special occasion was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goethe, the groom's parents. Leslie and Jeremy were honored with an engagement party on January 21, 2006. The Buckhead residential area of Atlanta was the setting for this special event. Miss Cathy Dewitt and her parents Steve and Tricia Dewitt hosted the party. Other hosts and hostesses included Miss Shelly Buck, Miss Jennifer Sapp, Miss Rissa Weathers, and Mr. Grant Rice. The guests were served an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, dips, and wine and champagne. The guests included many of the bride's sorority sisters and the groom's fraternity brothers and co-workers of the bride and groom.

On January 28 Leslie was honored with a tea at the White Lily Tea Room in Birmingham, Alabama. Miss Kristen Smith and Mrs. Verne Goethe served as hostesses. The guests included many family members, friends of the family, and Birmingham sorority sisters and friends. The guests were served petit fours, teacakes, finger sandwiches, and quiche.

The South Old Inn, Elba, was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring the bride on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2006. The guests were served dainty party refreshments. Hostesses for this elegant occasion were Paula McCollough, Debra Nicholson, Gwen Mullinax, Debbie and Lindsey Jared, Jan Smith, Jan Wicker, Candace and Katie Vaughan, Allona and Kendra Vaughan, Faye Tillis, Janie Allen, Cindy Carley, Angie Anderson, Martha Coleman, Katrina Calhoun, Anita Grimes, Sharon and Ashley Cowen, Kaye Whitworth, Charlotte Anderson, Dana Padgett, Kristen Stinson, Alvernis Gaimore, Sasha O'Neal, Valerie McGuire, Patsy Powell, Rhonda Stephens and June Grandham.

Good luck Annisley, You are our Princess Forever

Have Fun!

Granny & Papa Jack

New Arrival

Dustin Flowers Jordan celebrated his 10th birthday on July 12, 2006 with the arrival of his little sister Allison Michelle Jordan. Allison was 19 1/4 inches long and weighed 7lb 3oz. Her parents are Mickey and Beverly (nee Flowers) Jordan of Enterprise. Grandparents are Roy and Barbara Ann Jordan of Coffee Springs and Don and Linda Flowers of Jack. Great-grandmother is Irene Hodge of Elba and great-great-grandmother is Arkie Hodge of Elba.



Allison & Dustin Jordan

Annual Farm-City Ladies Brunch to be held October 19th

The annual Farm-City Ladies Brunch will be held at the Farm Center Community Room New Brockton, Alabama on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. those who wish to attend should RSVP with reservations no later than 894-5596 no later than October 16th, 2006.

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Door prizes were given by the Hostesses: Linda Swain and Dianne Donaldson, Co-Chairs, Beverly Inman, Joan Lewis, Larry Eldins, Sherry Eddins (who creatively assisted in decorating the tables), Kitye Ruth Coles, Rosemary Carter, Lucille Scott, Betty Diggs, Dee Martin, and Voncille Peavy. Enterprise City Schools catered the meal. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been playing volleyball with a fractured foot since early in the season, and late Saturday afternoon limped back home after a tournament in Dothan. She said her foot hurt pretty bad, but then broke into a smile and proudly showed me a plaque she had been awarded as a member of the all-tournament team. She will get the chance to rest her foot in just a few weeks when the season ends. However, the plaque made the pain and sacrifice worth it for this determined young lady.

ELBA TIGERS HANG SHUT-OUT ON GAMECOCKS

The Elba Tigers claimed their second win of the season and remained undefeated against their neighbors from New Brockton last week by posting a 19-0 win over the Gamecocks. The Tigers and their fans were more than a little concerned about the game after Elba's slow start this season, but the Tigers scored on their first play from scrimmage to grab an early lead and turned back repeated New Brockton scoring threats to improve to 3-0 all-time against the Gamecocks. The Elba offense used the big play to score two of its three touchdowns, and for the first time this season was able to be productive both running and passing. Junior quarterback Trey Martin had a big night throwing the football and passed for almost 200 yards in only his second game of the season, while on the ground freshman Carlos Matias continued to sparkle with almost 100 yards rushing and all three Elba scores. The Elba defense gave up a lot of yardage for the second straight week, but as they did a week ago the Tigers bent, but refused to break, and came up with the big play just when it needed to. While it is the offense that missed out on a couple of scoring opportunities and the defense gave up some yardage, the bottom line was another Elba win, and having to fight to get the win should give the players an added shot of confidence as they get back into the region wars.

TWO AREA TEAMS ENJOY FIFTH WEEK OF SEASON

The fifth week of the high school football season is now in the books, and for two of the four teams in the area it was a week in which they got the chance to celebrate. Here's a look back....

*** **New Brockton (0-5)** - The Gamecocks moved the ball up and down the field and got within the twenty-yardline five times last week, but failed to score a point as they remained winless after a 19-0 loss to Elba. New Brockton showed improvement on both sides of the ball and made it clear there is hope for the future. However, for now I am sure there is no such thing as moral victories for the Gamecocks and their fans.

*** **Kinston (1-4)** - The Bulldogs gave a large homecoming crowd plenty cheer about by rolling past their arch-rivals from Samson 33-20. Kinston had shown signs of life the previous two weeks in losses to Florala, Providence, and Friday night ignored a couple of early-game injuries to bust loose and post a homecoming win. The schedule doesn't get any easier for the 'Dogs, but now that they know they can win, look for a few more.

*** **Zion Chapel (1-4)** - The Rebels dropped their fourth straight game of the season to Geneva County 49-20 and now must regroup in a hurry to keep its playoff hopes alive as they head back into the region wars. Zion Chapel was picked as the #2 team in the region prior to the season, but will carry an 0-3 record chart into the second half of the season and must win 'em all to make the post-season party.

*** **Brantley (5-0)** - The top-ranked Bulldogs cruised past Highland Home 49-16, but left the Squadron's landing strip a little disappointed after allowing its first points of the season. Brantley is a very good 1A team that could probably be a big winner in either the 2A or 3A ranks, and now the Bulldogs will have to remain focused as they get back into the region battles against teams they should clobber.

FIFTH WEEK FILLED WITH BIG WINS, AND LOSSES

The fifth week of the high school football season has now come and gone, and it was a week to remember for a number of reasons. Here is just a few....

*** **Geneva** remained undefeated with a 20-19 win over 4A Andalusia, and all of the sudden the Panthers appear to be a true 3A power with the skills to threaten for a state title. There are still five games left in the regular season, but these guys already have wins over Pike County and Andalusia, and it won't get any tougher than that.

*** **Carroll**, of Ozark, erased the zero from its side of the win-loss slate by slipping past Daleville 31-28. The Eagles put Coach Ronnie Cottrell in the headlines a year ago by making the playoffs, but this season many thought the coach and his team may not win a game. That fear is now over, and maybe the Eagles will add a few more wins.

*** **Opp** remained winless as the Bobcats got destroyed by W.S. Neal 60-14. The Bobcats were expected to be much improved this season under their new coach and were given an outside chance at making the playoffs. After last week's loss, maybe the Bobcats had better just try and find a win.

*** **Dothan** posted its first win of the season with a wild 30-21 win over Charles Henderson. The Tigers trailed 14-0 just minutes into the game, but came to life late in the first half and then took charge late to hang a "W" on their side of the scoreboard. As for the Trojans, it looks like their high hopes are fading fast.

*** **Enterprise** snapped its two-game losing streak with a less than impressive 17-12 win over Bainbridge. The Wildcats lost a lot of seniors off last year's playoff team, but were expected to be big winners this season, too. There are still five weeks left in the season. However, unless something changes these 'Cats may be left out of the party.

*** **Hoover** saw its national championship hopes dashed in a 28-14 loss to John Curtis, of Louisiana, and after the game the Bucs' coach Rush Probst laid the blame entirely on his shoulders. All the folks up at Hoover have become cult figures this season with the MTV series about last season, but now the time has come to worry about the state title and forget the TV ratings.

*** **Laverne** remained undefeated with a 14-13 win over previously undefeated Red Level. The Tigers from Creashaw County have had some close calls this season, but have survived them all, and before long may believe they can't be beat. That is a good attitude to have and one that should pay dividends down the line.

*** **Prattville** got past Opelika 28-19 in a battle of 6A powers, and with the win the Lions emerged as possibly the team to beat in the South. The Bulldogs from C-town did keep it close; however, and may have a shot at meeting the Lions again later this season when the post-season party kicks off.

*** **Sweet Water** opened some eyes up in Brantley with its 35-6 romp over 2A power Leroy. Leroy had posted a big win over Georgiana a week ago and moved atop the rankings, but found out that the men from down in 1A can also play the game. As for Sweet Water, a rematch with the Bulldogs could be in the cards.

*** and, Straughn remained winless on the season with a 42-19 loss to T.R. Miller. The Tigers don't have a win on their side of the

ledger after five weeks of play, but they have shown improvement on the offensive side of the ball and may be close to outscoring an opponent to finally break the streak.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Auburn's Coach Tommy Tuberville declared himself a "genius" on nationwide TV after the Tigers narrow win over South Carolina last week, which made it clear his ego is just as big as ever. The Tiger head coach has considered himself bullet proof ever since he survived the university's plot to get rid of him a few years back, and now seems to delight in saying things that embarrass those who would like to see him gone. Too bad Auburn doesn't play Notre Dame, because if the Tigers won he would probably declare himself Pope!

*** Alabama rolled up 20 first downs and over 300 yards of offense last weekend, but failed to score an offensive touchdown and lost to an SEC opponent for the second straight week with a 28-13 loss to Florida. While the Crimson Tide looked good at times on both sides of the ball, it made too many mistakes to win on the road against a good team and still has a lot of work to do. After the Tide's fast start it now looks like a seven win season would be something most Bama fans would be proud of.

*** Troy was hoping to post a big win over intrastate rival UAB last weekend after suffering three straight losses, but the Trojan's wide open offense failed to show up and the result was a 21-3 setback to the Blazers. The loss to UAB hurt the Trojan's pride, and over the long haul could also hurt its recruiting ability in Birmingham, and across the state. Trojan fans can say what they want to about the narrow losses to Florida State and Georgia Tech, last week's loss was to UAB, a team most good 1A teams would find a way to defeat.

*** In closing, former Elba Tiger standout and ten-year NFL veteran Ronald McKinnon is working hard to stay in shape and still has hopes of making a return to the league as the season rolls along. McKinnon wasn't resigned by New Orleans after last season and is a free-agent, but despite his age and the wear and tear from his years in the league is convinced he can make an impact in the league if given the chance. I hope McKinnon gets the chance, because I will always believe the former Elba great can do anything he says.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and refused to even talk about what is going on with his boys from up in Tuscaloosa. The local guesstest used to be one of the 'Tide's biggest fans, but has done little but gripe in recent years and now won't talk about his boys unless you bring up the trial of some coaches. Oh well, we did change the subject after he cursed a little, and then talked about last week's 26-8 slate that moved his yearly totals to 140-36. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. PIKE COUNTY

The Pea River felines will take a hike across the county line Friday night and will have their eyes wide open as they look out for a pack of hungry bulldogs that have been known to prowls the sidelines up at the Antique City. The felines will have to enter the dogs' pound if they hope to bring home a win, and I am afraid someone will turn the dogs loose and they will chase the felines all the way back to the river.

PIKE COUNTY 40 ELBA 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

The roosters from across the county are looking kind of thin after

In key region contest

Elba Tigers to invade Pike County

The Elba Tigers will return to the region this Friday night and will be hoping that two recent wins will provide a shot of confidence as they travel to Brundidge to battle the defending state champion Pike County Bulldogs.

The Tigers will carry a 2-3 record and a two-game winning streak into the clash, while the Bulldogs will enter the game with a 4-1 record.

"We all know what a fine football team Pike County has and know that it will make the very best we have to have a chance of pulling off an upset," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials.

"On offense we have to be balanced, sustain drives and put points on the scoreboard when we get the chance. We need to keep the clock running to keep Pike County's offense off the field. However, at the same time we must be able to finish off drives and put some points on the scoreboard. We have been able to use more of our offensive package the past two weeks."

Elba Junior Tigers improve to 4-0 with big 28-8 win over Daleville

The Elba Junior High Tigers improved their record to 4-0 last week with an impressive 28-8 win over Daleville.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline to open the game and needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard. Carlos Matias gained 23 yards on the first snap, while on second down Justin McLaughlin lofted a screen pass to Steven Magwood, who broke loose and rambled 42 yards for a touchdown. Matias ran in the two-point conversion and with 7:22 remaining in the first quarter Elba owned an 8-0 lead.

The Tigers began their next possession at their 35-yardline and on the first play from scrimmage Matias again broke loose and this time raced 65 yards for a score. The two-point try failed, but with 5:54 still left in the opening quarter Elba was on top 14-0.

Carlos Matias scored his second touchdown of the night with 5:15 left in the second quarter on a 54-yard scamper, and at the half the Tigers went in with a commanding 20-0 advantage.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. However, the Elba defense got in on the act in the fourth quarter when Sandarius Reed intercepted a Daleville pass in the endzone and returned the interception 105 yards for a Tiger touchdown. McLaughlin passed for the two-point conversion and with 4:21 remaining in the quarter Elba was on top 28-0.

Daleville scored with :18 remaining on a 25-yard halfback pass from Richard Cook and the Warhawks added the two-point conversion to make the final score Elba 28 Daleville 8.

being on a diet for the past five weeks, but word is a few bags of feed have arrived at the hen house, and hopes are high they will fatten up Friday night and get stronger before a troop of Rebels arrive looking for a free chicken dinner. My guess is the feathers will be flying and the troops will head home happy, and full.

G.W. LONG 16 NEW BROCKTON 14

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Bullpups from down near the county line chased some kitties out of town last week after the homecoming parade and this week have plans to do the same to a batch of funny colored kitties due to arrive early Friday night. While it's true these kitties have a funny colored fur, they are also bigger and meaner than those last week, and may leave the pups licking their wounds.

ARITON 27 KINSTON 12

ZION CHAPEL VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The troops from up at Pt. Jack haven't tasted a win in almost five weeks and will be hungry and in a bad mood as they get ready to hunt bird Friday night out behind the school. The birds from over in the Wiregrass area are young and may not have a lot of meat on their wings. However, these troops won't care and will light up the grill for a barbeque.

ZION CHAPEL 28 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 10

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from up across the river continued on their hunt last week and Friday night will head over to the back woods of Butler County looking to find a litter of kittens that have bitten a few visitors in recent weeks. The dogs won't have much trouble finding the kitties and will have any less trouble cutting another notch on their collars after another big win.

BRANTLEY 50 MCKENZIE 0

OTHER PICKS:

Florala 29 Pleasant Home 8
Lanett 46 Barbour County 6
Cottonwood 62 Samson 0
Leroy 22 Flomaton 1

Geneva County 35 Houston County 15
Red Level 28 Georgiana 7
Reeltown 21 Goshen 13

Luverne 31 Highland Home 14
Loachapoka 37 Horseshoe Bend 18
Houston Academy 35 Wicksburg 7

Abbeville 20 Dale County 6
Geneva 35 Headland 0
Straughn 27 Slocomb 22

Alabama Christian 24 Bullock County 12
Andalusia 24 Trinity 21
Ashford 35 Opp 14

Daleville 27 St. James 24
Thomasville 17 T.R. Miller 14
W.S. Neal 30 Monroe County 16

Carroll 38 Rehobeth 14
Eufaula 31 Charles Henderson 10
Valley 21 Greenville 13

Auburn 28 Enterprise 17
Carver 27 R.E. Lee 8
Dothan 22 Central 21

Jeff Davis 24 Wetumpka 3
Greenville 41 Lanier 0
Northview 26 Russell County 6

SPORTS



New Brockton's Tevin McNair (12) rolls out and looks for room to run as Elba's Carlos Matias (12) closes in. McNair, a freshman, ran for 144 yards and passed for 68 yards in the Gamecocks' 19-0 loss last week to the Tigers.

For second win of season

Tigers barbeque Gamecocks 19-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor, with contributions by Michael Jenkins
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers scored on their first offensive play to grab the lead and then slowly pulled away to claim a 19-0 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Friday night at Gamecock Stadium.

The win upped Elba's record to 2-3 and was the Tigers' third straight win over their cross-county neighbors, while New Brockton slipped to 0-5 with the loss.

Elba kicked off to begin the game, but got the ball back on a New Brockton punt at the Gamecock 38-yardline and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as on the Tigers' first play from scrimmage freshman Carlos Matias broke through a hole and raced 38 yards for a touchdown. Jacob Forbes kicked the extra-point and with 9:58 remaining in the first quarter Elba was already on top 7-0.

New Brockton began its next possession at its own 33-yardline and behind the running and passing of Tevin McNair marched to a first down at the Elba 11-yardline. McNair, a freshman, gained 63 yards on two carries and passed to Solomon Harris for an 11-yard gain to lead the Gamecocks down the field. Two fumbles and a sack left the Gamecocks facing a fourth down and nine and the Elba 10, and on the fourth down play a 27-yard field-goal try sailed wide as McNair gained 40 yards on four carries to spark the drive that moved the Gamecocks to a first down at the Elba 26-yardline. McNair was injured on an 8-yard dash to the 18; however, and the Gamecocks never got any closer as New Brockton once again failed to get on the scoreboard.

Elba took over on its 19-yardline after a fourth down incompleteness and drove to a first down at the New Brockton 20-yardline. Trey Martin connected on 4 of 6 passes for 37 yards to help the Tigers head down the field, but then suffered a pass interception in the endzone as the Gamecocks' Seth Culverhouse made a leaping interception to turn back the Tiger scoring threat.

The turnover seemed to pump life into the Elba offense as the Tigers promptly drove 89 yards in eight plays to increase their lead. A 14-yard pass from Trey Martin to Frank Morris got the drive off to a fast start, while a key play in the drive was a 42-yard pass from Martin to Morris that turned into a 59-yard gain when Morris fumbled and Elba recovered at the New Brockton 8-yardline. Carlos Matias got the call the next two plays and scored on a 1-yard run, and although the extra-point try failed, the Tigers owned a 13-0



Elba Tiger running back Carlos Matias (12) leaps over a would be tackler in last week's big 19-0 win over New Brockton. Matias, a freshman, gained 93 yards on 16 carries, caught two passes for 46 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the win.

lead with 5:43 left in the second quarter.

Elba had two chances to add to its lead late in the half after starting drives at the New Brockton 42 and 43 yardlines. However, the Tigers failed to take advantage of both opportunities, and at intermission went in still holding a 13-0 lead.

Elba's Jason Mitchell returned the second half kickoff 49 yards to set the Tigers up at the New Brockton 26-yardline, and after a penalty backed the Tigers up to the 40, Trey Martin went back to the air and connected with Carlos Matias on a swing pass that turned into a 40-yard touchdown toss. A two-point run failed, but with 11:23 remaining in the third quarter Elba was in command with a 19-0 advantage.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at the Gamecock 35-yardline and once again headed toward the Elba goal line. Tevin McNair gained 23 yards on three carries and Sheridan Foster added 20 yards on three carries to lead the Gamecocks downfield, and after seven plays New Brockton found itself with a first down at the Elba 11-yardline. The Gamecocks moved to the nine-yardline on a first down run, but then saw the scoring opportunity go by the board on the next play when a McNair pass was intercepted by Elba's Frank Morris.

The Gamecocks got the ball back at their 27-yardline after an Elba punt and continued to move the ball almost at will in between. On the next play McNair gained 40 yards on four carries to spark the drive that moved the Gamecocks to a first down at the Elba 26-yardline. McNair was injured on an 8-yard dash to the 18; however, and the Gamecocks never got any closer as New Brockton once again failed to get on the scoreboard.

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The Tigers moved to a first down at the New Brockton 10-yardline on its next possession and began their final possession at the New Brockton 33, but failed to score on either possession as the Tigers posted the 19-0 win.

Carlos Matias gained 93 yards on 16 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the Elba running game, while Matthew Brunson added 13 yards on 5 carries. Trey Martin completed

Adam Crosby made 14 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Trey Bradley added 10 stops. Sheridan Foster made 9 and Justin Griswold had 8 tackles and 2 sacks.

STATISTICS

EL	NB
13	1st Downs 14
198	Rushes-Yds 44-207
198	Passing Yds 59
292	Total Offense 266
12-25-1	Passes 4-13-2
4/0	Fumbles/Lost 7/2
3-31	Punts-Ave 2.25
8/75	Penalties-Yds 9-85



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SPORTS

In 49-16 win

Brantley grounds Flying Squadron

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson



Brantley's James Pittman (5) pulls away from a would-be Highland Home tackler in the Bulldogs' 49-16 win last week. Pittman gained 168 yards rushing, returned 3 kicks for 149 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the big win over the Flying Squadron.



Brantley's Corey Latham (44) is ready and waiting at his nose-guard position in action last week in the Bulldogs' 49-16 win over Highland Home.



Zion Chapel's Joey Jones (24) looks for running room in recent Rebel football action. Jones rushed for 74 yards on 19 carries and scored 2 touchdowns last week.

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ELBA ROTARY CLUB

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their season record to 5-0 Friday night with an impressive 49-16 victory over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, and about the only negative for the Bulldogs in the big cross-county win was the fact the Bulldog defense had its scoreless streak snapped after 17 and 1/2 quarters of play.

The Flying Squadron offense opened the game with two quick first downs as it moved the ball to the Brantley 32-yardline. The early scoring threat ended on third down; however, when the Bulldogs' Landon Morgan picked off a Deymond Sankey pass and returned the interception to the Brantley 39.

Brantley needed only three plays to cover the 61 yards to paydirt and get on the scoreboard. James Pittman took a handoff off left tackle and scampered 49 yards for the game's first score, and although the extra-point failed the Bulldogs owned a 6-0 lead with 5:27 left in the first quarter.

Moments later, Pittman set the Bulldogs up at the Highland Home 29-yardline with a 44-yard punt return. Three running plays moved the football to the Highland Home 14, where Jonathan Helms connected with Terry McClain on a 14-yard touchdown toss. Chris Booker ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:55 remaining in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were on top 14-0.

Highland Home took the ensuing kickoff and put together a 13-play drive that moved the ball deep into Brantley territory. The Flying Squadron converted on two fourth downs during the long drive, before being stopped on downs at the Brantley 10-yardline.

Brantley was unable to punch the ball out and on fourth down lined up to punt, only to see the snap on the punt attempt sail over the head on Landon Morgan. Morgan batted the ball out of the endzone, but Highland Home was on the scoreboard after the safety and trailed 14-2 with 4:30 left in the half.

The Bulldogs took the second half kickoff and the fireworks began, as Jon Tyson fielded the kick at the 20-yardline and laterally the ball to James Pittman, who raced up the sidelines and then cut across the field and

rambled 80 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 11:40 remaining in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 21-2.

The Brantley defense came up big on the game's next possession as Jon Tyson picked off a Sankey pass and returned the interception 35 yards to the Highland Home 38-yardline. Two runs by Chris Booker moved the ball to the 30, where Jeffery Daniels took over!

Daniels took a handoff up the middle, cut left and raced 30 yards untouched into the endzone. Owens' conversion was true and with 9:09 left in the third quarter Brantley was in command with a 28-2 advantage.

Highland Home answered the score with a seven-play drive that covered 71 yards and ended in the Brantley endzone. Deymond Sankey hit Camell Bryant under the middle of the field for 43 yards and a touchdown, while Sankey also ran in the two-point conversion as the Squadron cut the lead to 28-10 with 6:10 still left in the third quarter.

Brantley recovered an on-sides kick attempt and put the ball in play across midfield after a 25-yard return by Jeffery Daniels. A 27-yard completion from Helms to Jon Tyson moved the ball to the Highland Home 13, where Daniels took a pitch-out and rambled into the endzone. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with 5:25 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs had stretched their lead to 35-10.

Deymond Sankey quickly moved Highland Home to the Brantley 42-yardline and opened two fourth downs during the long drive, before being stopped on downs at the Brantley 10-yardline.

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regained the lead at 14-7.

Zion Chapel again had an answer for the Geneva County offense as the Rebels took the ensuing kickoff and drove 68 yards in six plays to catch the Bulldogs. A 23-yard kickoff return by Zion Chapel's Justin Winters set the Rebels up with excellent field-position, and from there Joey Jones took charge as the junior quarterback gained 14 yards on three carries and connected with Luke Peters on a 49-yard touchdown pass. The extra-point was again successful, and with 11:49 left in the second quarter the Rebels were back even at 14-14.

Geneva County failed to score on its next possession, but got the ball back at its own 42-yardline after a Zion Chapel punt and this time needed only one play to regain the lead as Brian Exley broke loose and raced 58 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was true, and with 6:27 left in the half the Bulldogs were back in front 21-14.

The Bulldogs had a chance to add to their lead late in the half after a bad snap on a Rebel punt led to a 4-yard punt that set the "Dogs up at the Zion Chapel 36-yardline. A 24-yard gain by Exley moved Geneva County to the Zion Chapel 12. However, this time the Rebels kept the Bulldogs out of the endzone when Luke Peters intercepted an Outlaw pass at the goal line.

Geneva County recovered an on-sides kick attempt by Zion Chapel at the Bulldog 40-yardline to open the third quarter and immediately added to its lead when on the first play of the half Brian Exley found a hole in the



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery calls a defensive alignment from the sidelines. The Bulldogs gave up their first points of the season last week, but still posted an easy 49-16 win over Highland Home.

yardline. Chris Booker gained two yards on first down after an interception to move the Bulldogs out to the 3-yardline, while on the next snap James Pittman took a toss sweep around the right end and went 97 yards for a touchdown. Pittman was hit at the 20-yardline on the long scoring run, but spun around before regaining his balance and scored his third touchdown of the night. Owens added the extra-point and with 4:57 remaining Brantley had upped its lead to 42-16.

Highland Home continued to spread the field on its next possession, but this time the Squadron failed to get off the ground as Dexter Daniels sacked Sankey for a 13-yard loss back to the Highland Home 12, and on the next play Landon Morgan stepped in front of a Sankey pass at the five-yardline and trotted into the endzone for an easy Brantley score. Marcus Owens ended the scoring with the extra-point and with 2:45

remaining on the clock the win was in the books by the score of 49-16.

James Pittman gained 168 yards on 9 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Brantley offense and also had 3 kick returns for 149 yards, giving the Bulldog senior 317 yards in total offense. Chris Booker gained 59 yards on 11 carries and Jeffery Daniels added 43 yards on 2 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Deymond Sankey led Highland Home with 108 yards on 22 tries.

STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	HH
11	23-268	11
23-268	Rushes-Yds.	36-122
70	Passing Yds.	149
338	Total Offense	271
5-10-0	Passes	9-24-5
222	Return Yds.	90
1	Fumbles Lost	0
4-40	Penalties-Yds.	2-10
1-30	Punts-Ave.	1-40

Rebel defense and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was successful, and with 11:41 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were back in charge with a 28-14 lead.

Zion Chapel turned the ball over on downs near midfield on its next possession, but got the ball back on a fumble recovery by Morgan Mancil at the Geneva County 39-yardline, and this time drove into the endzone to cut into the Geneva County advantage.

Hunter Wise gained 24 yards on four carries to lead the Rebels down the field, while Joey Jones scored the touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:33 left in the third quarter Zion Chapel was within 28-20.

Geneva County began its ensuing possession at its own 42-yardline and in four plays was right back in the endzone. Brian Sullen gained 36 yards on two carries to spark the scoring drive, while Brian Exley got the touchdown on a 5-yard scamper. The Rebel's Kelsey Roberts blocked the extra-point attempt, leaving the Bulldogs' lead at 34-20 with 2:08 remaining in the third quarter.

Geneva County recovered a Rebel fumble near midfield early in the fourth quarter and cashed in on the turnover as the Bulldogs drove 52 yards in seven plays to add to their lead. The touchdown came on a 22-yard run by Brian Exley, and the extra-point was true as Geneva County's lead grew to 41-20 with 7:25 left in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs got another

break on Zion Chapel's next possession when a halfback pass was picked off at the Geneva County 37-yardline, and once again the "Dogs cashed in on the turnover as they covered the 63 yards to the endzone in only three plays.

Brian Sullen scored the touchdown on a 39-yard dash, and the extra-point was successful as Geneva County's lead ballooned to 49-20 with 4:15 remaining on the clock.

Zion Chapel began its final possession of the night at its own 31-yardline after a 16-yard kickoff return by Justin Winters and promptly headed down the field. Hunter Wise gained 27 yards on six carries to lead the Rebel march. However, a fumble stopped the potential scoring threat and Geneva County claimed the big 49-20 win.

Hunter Wise gained 93 yards on 26 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while Joey Jones added 74 yards on 19 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Brian Exley gained 238 yards on 12 carries and scored 5 touchdowns to lead Geneva County, while Brian Sullen added 89 yards on 7 carries and scored 1 touchdown.

STATISTICS

ZC	1st Downs	GC
14	59-192	7
52	Rushes-Yds.	22-334
244	Passing Yds.	70
2-4-1	Total Offense	404
3/2	Passes	5-9-1
5-35	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
	Penalties-Yds.	4-30

SPORTS

For big homecoming win

Kinston Bulldogs outscore Samson Tigers 33-20

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Samson Tigers and pulled off a huge 33-20 victory in front of a packed homecoming crowd.

Kinston lost a key defensive player on the opening kickoff and quarterback Aaron Jacobs left the game after its second offensive play, but the Bulldogs showed they had the talent and determination to overcome those obstacles.

Coach Larry Conney commented on his team. "We had some bad things happen, but they didn't lay down."

After a personal foul on the opening return gave Samson great field position at the 50-yardline and the Tigers picked up a first down into Kinston territory, the relentless Bulldog defense brought the packed stadium to its feet.

Jonathan Golden had a key stop on first down, and Rob Sanders and J. R. Fleming combined for a sack. On third down, Erick Odom stripped the running back to give Kinston the football at the 35-yardline.

On the second play of the Kinston possession, a personal foul gave the Bulldogs a first down near midfield. Jonathan Edwards and Erick Odom carried the football to the 36-yardline. Quarterback Charlie Hercus connected with J. R. Fleming for 7 yards, and Erick Odom then burst through tackles to give the Dawgs a first down outside the 10-yardline.

Two plays later, Charlie Hercus lofted an 8-yard pass to John Moss in the end zone. The Brad Elmore extra point gave Kinston an early 7-0 lead.

The Bulldog defense came back on the field to chase off the Tigers again. After allowing a

first down across midfield, Rob Sanders, Garrett Kelley, and Jonathon Edwards had big stops to force a punt on fourth and 15. After a bad snap, Matt Whigham chased down the scrambling Tiger to give Kinston the football.

Kinston fumbled away the opportunity, but Erick Odom intercepted the football on an option pitch to regain possession for Kinston.

Kinston again fumbled away the football, but the defense came on strong to force a punt. Erick Odom and Jonathan Edwards combined on carries to move into Tiger territory, and Brad Elmore picked up tough yardage to give Kinston a first and goal at the 6-yardline. The offensive line opened the way, and Erick Odom dashed untouched into the end zone. Brad Elmore split the uprights and Kinston led 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

J. R. Fleming recovered a fumble in Samson territory to give the Bulldogs a chance to extend their lead before halftime, but Samson's Bradley Smith picked a pass and returned it 85 yards for a 14-6 halftime score.

The Bulldogs returned from intermission and wasted no time extending their lead. After Matt Whigham returned the football to the 45-yardline, Erick Odom took the handoff around left end and raced 55 yards to give Kinston a 20-6 lead.

Good pass coverage by Charlie Hercus and Jonathan Edwards forced a Tiger punt, but Kinston could not take advantage, and facing fourth and five, the Bulldogs lined up to punt. Catching the Tigers off guard, the Bulldogs attempted to pass for the first down, only to see the ball fall incomplete.

Area teams return to region wars as prep football season reaches week #6

The sixth week of the high school football season means a return to region competition, and for a couple of teams in the area the week also means "must win" games if they hope to keep their playoff aspirations alive and well.

Following are previews of this week's area games:

New Brockton at G.W. Long

The (0-5) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to snap a season-long losing streak Friday night when they host the (1-4) G.W. Long Rebels, in a region clash that will see one team keep its post-season hopes alive and the other see its hopes dashed. The Gamecocks will be coming off a 19-0 loss to cross-county rival Elba, in a game they moved the ball up and down the field, but failed to score after five trips inside the twenty-yardline. G.W. Long has also struggled to get in the win column this season, and will enter the game with a win over Providence Christian 28-20, and losses to Dale County 14-3, Geneva County 19-16, Cottonwood 26-14 and Houston Academy. While the Rebels' losses have come to be the top teams in the region, the fact they will bring a 1-4 record into Friday night's clash will give the Gamecocks hopes for a much-needed win.

Ariton at Kinston

The (1-4) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to pull off a region upset Friday night when they host the (2-3) Ariton Purple Cats, in a clash that could keep the Bulldogs' slim playoff hopes alive. Kinston will be coming into the game full of confidence after last week's win over Samson. However, the Bulldogs sustained a couple of injuries to key players in the win, and could be short-handed in this week's region encounter. The Purple Cats were expected to be a playoff contender this season and have lived up to the predictions as they will arrive in Kinston with a 2-1 region record. Ariton has posted wins over region foes Zion Chapel 23-13, Florala 21-7, while falling to a trio of undefeated teams in Wicksburg 31-24, Brantley 41-0 and Cottonwood 21-0. The Purple Cats will be big favorites in this region clash, but could be surprised and have a fight on their hands against the Bulldogs.

Providence Christian at Zion Chapel

The (1-4) Zion Chapel Rebels will be hoping to begin a region win streak Friday night when they host the (2-3) Providence Christian Eagles. The Rebels saw their losing streak reach four games last week with a loss to undefeated Geneva County, but know they must run the table against their remaining region opponents to have a chance at making a playoff appearance, and the first test will come Friday night. Providence Christian, in its first season of varsity competition, was a surprise team early in the season after wins over Isabella 24-7 and Kinston 17-14. However, the Eagles have struggled as of late and have dropped three games in the past four weeks against Florala 28-14, Pleasant Home 31-0 and G.W. Long 28-20. The Rebels will have a fight on their hands in this region war, but will have a home field advantage.

Brantley at McKenzie

The (5-0) Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to continue their dominance in the region Friday night when they travel to meet the (2-3) McKenzie Tigers. The top-ranked Bulldogs rolled to their fifth straight win of the season last week against 2A rival Highland Home, but did give up their first points of the season, which could give future opponents at least a ray of hope. McKenzie was possibly the worst team in the state a year ago, but the Tigers have shown signs of life this year and have posted wins over Kinston 40-21 and Zion Chapel 29-25, while falling to J.U. Blacksher 18-14, Pleasant Home 30-0 and Goshen. Brantley will be a huge favorite in this one.



KINSTON HOMECOMING ROYALTY... reigned Friday night at the Kinston-Samson football game. The Bulldogs capped off the day's events with a big win over the Samson Tigers. Pictured above (l-r) are Bethany Holley - Freshman Attendant, Crystal Baker - Sophomore Attendant, Kourtney Pierce - Junior Attendant, Nicole Boswell - Queen, Kalleg Sanders - Senior Attendant, and Candace Strickland - Senior Attendant.

Samson took advantage of field position as Jason Jordan connected with Bradley Smith to shorten the Kinston lead to 20-12 midway through the third quarter.

After the ensuing kickoff, Erick Odom and Jonathan Edwards moved the ball deep into Tiger territory. The drive appeared to be in jeopardy as Kinston faced a fourth and 5 outside the 30 yard line.

However, Erick Odom took the handoff up the middle and ran over defenders to reach the 16-yardline, and a face mask penalty on the next play gave the Dawgs a first down at the 6. Erick Odom followed a John Moss block around right end

and crossed the goaline on the first play of the fourth quarter, and the extra-point was true as Kinston upped its lead to 26-12.

The Bulldog defense got the ball back on the next drive when Charlie Hercus picked a Tiger pass at the 36-yardline. Erick Odom and Jonathan Edwards continued picking up yardage and moving the chains to reach the 12-yardline. Brad Elmore carried inside the 5, and Jonathan Edwards found the end zone to put Kinston up 33-12 with under 3 minutes to play.

Samson's Simon Diaz pulled in a 25 yard touchdown in the last seconds of the game, but Kinston held on for the 33-10 victory.

Kinston begins the second half of the season with renewed confidence, hosting the Ariton Purple Cats next Friday in another region contest.

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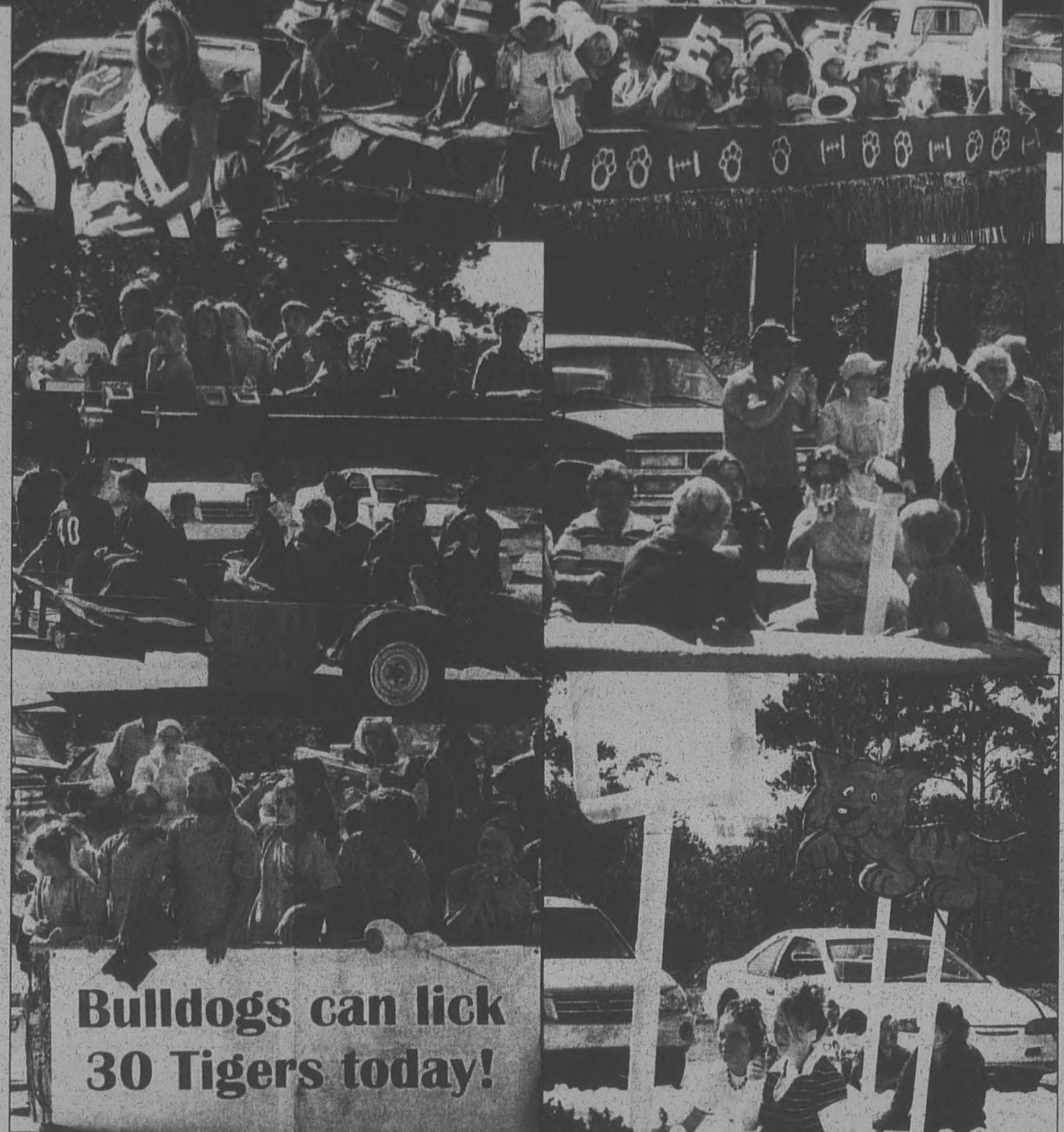
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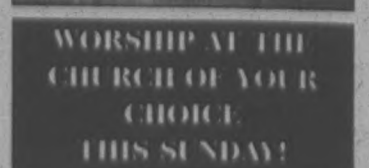
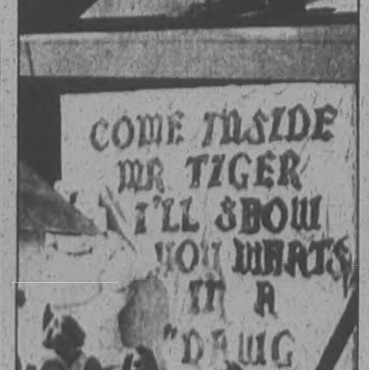
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Focus on
Faculty

(First Grade Educators)
by Stephanie Collier
and Rod Rider

Name: Kelly Cobb
Thoughts about Zion Chapel:
I think it is one of the best schools around because it has the best faculty and most wonderful students.

Favorite Thing about Teaching: I love seeing the students making progress.
Hobbies: Walking, working in the yard, and spending time with family
Clubs/Organizations Involved in: Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Kappa Phi, and Altrusa of Jack
Children: 2 boys: Blake and Brady
Colleges Attended: Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University
Auburn or Alabama: Roll Tide!

Name: Lisa Smith
Thoughts about Zion Chapel:
I love it! It's the home of the best faculty and teachers!

Favorite Thing about Teaching: Hearing a child "read" and know that they can do anything
Hobbies: Reading, scrap booking, watching Clara cheer and play volleyball, and watching Josh and ZC play baseball
Clubs/Organizations Involved in: AEA
Biggest Achievement: Raising twins and Ciara without pulling my hair out
Children: 3: Josh, Austin, and Ciara
Colleges Attended: Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University
Auburn or Alabama: Alabama, Anything Interesting or Unique about Yourself: My trip to Alaska with my family gave me the opportunity to say that I have been there, done that!

Name: Shasta Arnett
Thoughts about Zion Chapel:
I love teaching here! We have great students and the people I work with are wonderful!

Favorite Thing about Teaching: Seeing the growth the students make from the beginning to the end of school
Hobbies: Shopping, going to the beach, and spending time with my children
Clubs/Organizations Involved in: Volleyball coach
Children: 2
Colleges Attended: Huntingdon College for 1 semester due to volleyball scholarship, Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University
Auburn or Alabama: Auburn!!

Box Tops for
Education:

Quoted by Marsha Jordan
by Kala Killingsworth

1. How many box tops have been collected? "We're just getting started."

2. What are the benefits for this project? "You get 10 cents per box. Each teacher has their own collection box, and what they collect stays with the class."

3. What will the money be used for? "Buy classroom supplies and educational materials."
4. What is the purpose of this project? "It's a program that the General Meads does for education. (K-6)" "I really want to "push" this program so that we can raise money for the school."

**Zion Chapel
High School
REBEL
NEWS**
Julie Norris, Sponsor



(by Davanna Parker)...IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL LITERACY DAY, the Zion Chapel third grade classes received dictionaries from Altrusa Inc. of Jack, Alabama. These dictionaries are used for ABC skills, word drills, and assists with skills on the Stanford testing. Each third grader received the dictionary to have for their use at home. The dictionaries have been given to them by Altrusa for the past four years. Altrusa is an international network of executives and professionals in diversified career classifications, dedicated to improving their communities by personal service. Through their local clubs, members unite their varied talents in service to others. Altrusa is recognized internationally for the significant contributions of its clubs and members. Altrusa of Jack currently has 27 members.

Scenes from Reading with Grandparents...



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Angel Victoria Flowers

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Pam, Pa and Jessie



Several seventh graders selected to take ACT

by Sheena-Marie Hussey and
Brittany Dismukes

Several members of the seventh grade class have recently been selected from Zion Chapel Middle School to take the Alabama College Test (ACT).

Each year Duke University recognizes seventh graders who score in the 95th percentile or above on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), the OLSAT portion of the SAT, or another aptitude test such as an individual intelligence test. These students are given the ZC Fall Festival set for Oct. 26th

Thursday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m., Zion Chapel School will host its annual Fall Festival sponsored by the Zion Chapel PTO.

A yearly event, this year will see some new changes to the time honored tradition. Instead of just being held at the elementary building as in the past, the event will be spread out all over the entire Zion Chapel campus. This year, over 30 games and activities are planned for the night, such as: Cake walk, bingo, face painting booth, moon bounce, hayride and many more. Raffle tickets also will be sold for the following: a Wal-Mart shopping spree, \$250 cash and a b-b-q grill.

Everyone is invited to come out and support Zion Chapel, but most importantly, to have a fun-filled evening.

opportunity to take the ACT during their seventh grade year, and taking this test also gives the students a chance to compete for scholarships.

The following students were chosen to take the ACT from Zion Chapel: Lawson Ampong, Joshua Baldwin, Ashleigh DeSandro, Huey Green, Gin Milley, Amy McWaters, Courtney Napper, Cheyenne Nelson, Sindi Paul, Madison Sanders and Caleb Walden.



(by Ashley Hudson and Misti Miller)...These students were nominated based upon academic excellence in the classroom and other areas of the school. Good character qualities and classroom behavior are two of the major reasons the teachers selected this month's 6th grade "Rebels of the Month." The "Rebels of the Month" for October are: Kindergarten student Adrianna Bradley, age 6, the daughter of Pam and Ray Bradley; first grader Dalton Shackelford, age 6, the son of Sharon and Greg Shackelford; second grader Hannah Whitman, age 7, the daughter of Jennifer and Marcus Whitman; third grader Ashley Hughes, age 8, the daughter of Alesha and Kenneth Paul Hughes; fourth grader Josh Simmons, age 9, the son of Deborah and Nathan Simmons; fifth grader Mikayla Miller, age 11, the daughter of Kimberly Miller, and sixth grader Lizzie Canley, age 11, the daughter of Amber and Joe Canley.



THE ZION CHAPEL TINY MITES football team receives plenty of support at their games with this large group of Tiny Mites cheerleaders cheering them on from the sidelines. All of the girls enjoy cheering and giving the team inspiration to go, fight, win.

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SCHOOLS

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

AIM program empowers teens

by Brittany Phillips

The Abstinence In Motion (AIM) Project Program empowers teens to make healthy choices to ensure brighter futures and healthy marriages.

The project is dedicated to the idea that teens, given good information, will make the choice to remain abstinent until marriage, as well as abstain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and other at risk lifestyles. AIM representatives came to Elba High School September 18-20 for the seventh and ninth grade classes during second block.

The seventh grade lesson plan was based on "Choosing the Best Path" curricula, which helps students learn about the risks and consequences of sex before marriage, as well as the benefits of choosing abstinence.

Cordelia Hooks, a seventh grader, who experienced this program first hand said, "It was fun, and I learned things I never knew."

While the seventh grade discussed the problems based on this curricula, the ninth grade lesson plan had a different view

EHS Homecoming t-shirts available

Elba High School Homecoming t-shirts are still on sale and can be purchased through Friday, Oct. 6. The cost of the shirts will be \$12 for sizes XS, XL and \$14 for sizes A2X and up. For questions, contact the journalism staff at Elba High School or Wanda Buckelew (897-2266).

Order forms can be picked up in the high school office.

Announcements:

• Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 27. The EHS Journalism staff has decided to make this year a little bit more interesting in requiring each entry in the parade to revolve around a movie title. To sign up for the parade, call Wanda Buckelew at 897-2266 to enter a title. There is only one entry for each movie title.

• Parents who have not purchased grad ads can purchase them during Parent Visitation night (Oct. 12) at the high school.

• Anyone who has not purchased a copy of the 2006 Elba can purchase it during Parent Visitation night.

Wendy's Heisman Award nominees selected

by Lauren McClung

Each year, two students are chosen from EHS as nominees for the Wendy's High School Heisman award.

This year, the Elba High School nominees are Melanie Mularz and Chase Boutwell. These students were chosen based on the number of sports they play and their GPA.

Melanie and Chase will compete with 1,020 students from around the country for the chance to win scholarship money. To date more than 36,000 high school nominated students have been touched by the Heisman mystique.

Of them, 145 have progressed to the national finalist level, with 24 earning the designation of Wendy's High School Heisman National Award Winners.



Chase Boutwell



Melanie Mularz

October recognized as Parent Visitation Month

by Ashton Rodriguez and Clara Burrows

October is Statewide Parent Visitation Month, a program sponsored by Elba City Schools and the Alabama State Department of Education.

Elba City Schools invites all parents to attend a special school event Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3:30 p.m. when parents are encouraged to pick up their children's report cards and visit with teachers.

With research that shows students achieve more when parents are involved in their education, Elba High and Elba Elementary will participate in the Alabama State Department of Education's Statewide Parent Visitation Month on Oct. 12. While the event is referred to as "Parent Month," anyone responsible for raising school-aged children is welcome to attend.

The theme for the event is "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision."

Danny Weeks, superintendent of Elba City Schools says, "This is a state requirement. People think it's just for elementary students, but we want them to know it's for high school students also. The parents need to be involved

because of the 'No Child Left Behind Act' and because the state requires it. Elba City Schools appreciates parents' input and welcomes them at any time, but especially on visitation nights."

Elba City Schools will join with Alabama public schools/systems across the state in hosting "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision."

"The goal is to connect home and school better," said State Superintendent of Education Joe Morton. "Parent involvement—now more than ever—is a key factor to student success in school year round. By setting aside a specific month, our public schools can focus on the importance of parental involvement and investment in their child's education."

Scheduled sessions include local and state initiatives such as the Alabama Reading Initiative, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative, school policies, and safety issues.

To learn more about "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision" Statewide Parent Visitation Month and parental involvement opportunities throughout the school year, contact the local school or school system (elbaed.com).

Attention, seniors and parents...

The Elba High School Journalism staff is receiving orders for senior graduation ads for the yearbook. Ad prices are:
1/8 page (black and white) \$50; (color) \$55
1/4 page (black and white) \$90; (color) \$100
1/2 page (black and white) \$110; (color) \$125
Full page (black and white) \$160; (color) \$180

Elba City Schools lend helping hand to playground project

by Ashton Rodriguez and Tierney Starks

During the Elba City Schools work days, students that were age 10 and under worked together on special projects beside the build site, ages 10-13 worked along side an adult, and ages 14-17 worked on a crew without an adult, but were not able to use power tools.

Students ages 18 and over were considered to be adults, and they were able to not only work alone but also use a power tool.

With these guidelines established, students of all ages were able to help and to become a part of making history in Elba by creating a playground for everyone to enjoy.

Although the elementary students are small in size, they contributed to many great things during the build week. One of these contributions was made before the actual build week.

Elementary students were asked to help name the playground. The students came up

with several different names such as "Foggy Bottom Park," "Memories Park," "Old School Park," and "Pea River Park." The final name chosen by the students was "Tiger Town Park" (contributed by Annabelle Stokes, Logan Bailey, Clark Logan, and Chase Moseley).

Antwon's future plans are to attend Troy University and become a physical therapist and to get involved with the music business as something to fall back on.

When asked to describe himself he says he is a quiet storm.

In addition, the EES student council sponsored a snack drive to help the volunteers working during build week. The students donated numerous snacks including apples, oranges, nutrilite bars, chips, cereal bars, etc.

The classes themselves helped by moving and organizing the numerous building materials.

Many Elba High School students also volunteered to help at "Tiger Town Park."

The EHS clubs really put some community service hours



in. Elba High organizations worked on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 21, from 8:11:30 a.m., 12:2:30 p.m., and 12:1:20 p.m.

The clubs were divided into both days. The following EHS organizations participated in helping on the playground: Sr. and Jr. Beta, EHS Ambassadors, Key Club, Student Council, Journalism, Girl Scouts, the Varsity Football Team, and Cheerleaders. Mr. Waldorf's Class and VICA.

Although much was accomplished during build week the job is still ongoing. Much work is yet to be done and there is still a need for donations.

A variety of student volunteers helped build "Tiger Town Park" and many were caught on camera...



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Congress announces approval of \$88,255 federal grant for Coffee County EMS in Elba

Elba Mayor James Grimes showed obvious signs of both excitement and relief last week after receiving official notification from Alabama's congressional delegation in Washington D.C. that \$88,255 in federal funding to provide a new vehicle

for the Coffee County EMS has been approved. Both Senator Jeff Sessions and Representative Terry Everett explained in a statement to The Elba Clipper.

"Nationally, the Federal program will award \$485 million in grants to fire departments in an effort to better prepare local first responders."

The Enterprise Volunteer Fire & Rescue unit received a \$69,844 grant in the same round of funding.

Grimes said this will benefit EMS' quality of service and the upgrade of equipment was badly needed. The ambulances are getting older, thus less reliable and more expensive to maintain he explained.

He added that plans are to apply for a grant next year which funds the purchase of a new chaise and upgrading of an existing ambulance body. According to the mayor, this is much cheaper and is equally as beneficial as a new unit would be to the emergency medical needs of the community.

Mayor Grimes had high praise for Mrs. Mary Gray, Elba General Hospital, who wrote the grant application for the federal funds.

"Without her dedicated help, we might never have gotten these funds," said Grimes.

Also during the meeting, commissioners:

• Approved a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign paperwork regarding the resurfacing of county roads 708, 156, 401 and 208.

• Approved a motion made by Stephens to ask the attorney general for an opinion regarding when and how to approve a county depository. Stephens said the county needs to know if the process it has used for the past 30+ years is appropriate. If not, he said he would like the attorney general to explain the proper way. Also, the county will ask the attorney general if the county depository can be approved for more than one year at a time.

According to commissioners, Arrow hired a sub-contractor to deliver the new cans to residents: "I'd like to apologize to the people for it being such a mess," Stephens said. "The commission has done everything it can to straighten it out."

He said commissioners have spoken with officials from Arrow and they say everything will be corrected.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he too is upset regarding the distribution of

Elba Senior Citizens Center celebrates 30 years of service

The Elba Senior Citizens Center celebrated 30 years of service to the community last Wednesday afternoon by inviting members of the community to an Open House event.

The center opened in Oct. 1976 on the corner of Simmons and Factory streets in Elba in the building that had once been the police department.

Through the years, center directors have included Ruth Dunaway, Jan Weeks, Eleanor Lee, Carolyn Stokes and Louise Hornsby (the director since Jan. 1996).

During Stokes' leadership, the center was flooded and destroyed in 1990. A new building was constructed on the same corner of downtown Elba.

The new facility opened in 1992 and today participants gather five days per week to play dominoes, cards and exercise before eating.

Once a month on Wednesday afternoons, the seniors visit the Elba Nursing Home to entertain residents with group singing.

Special celebrations are held for the Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The group also travels to surrounding cities to meet other seniors and participate in events such as Old America Day in Dothan, Senior Games in Enterprise, The Country Howdown in Andalusia and Senior Valentine Bingo at Fort Rucker.

The center provides a bus and driver to pick up those who need transportation to the facility, and the driver also delivers 18 meals daily to shut-ins.

Area Happenings

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON enters week seven Friday, Oct. 13, with all eyes on action. The Elba Tigers will host Geneva, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Houston County, the Kinston Bulldogs will host Pleasant Home, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Florida and the Brantley Bulldogs will host Providence Christian. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

A DUAL ENROLLMENT MEETING will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at Elba High School beginning at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents interested in their child taking college classes while in high school should attend this meeting.

ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL will host its annual Fall Festival Thursday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Zion Chapel PTO.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMEcoming Friday, Oct. 27. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 10 a.m. in the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1976 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade will be at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be listed by calling Margaret Calhoun at Elba High School, 897-2266. Friday night the Homecoming Court will be presented at 8:30 p.m. followed by the game with Abbeville at 7 p.m.



Several local fire departments responded Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 4, to a house fire on County Road 611. During the blaze, the home of Jerry Mack was destroyed despite efforts of local firefighters. Reportedly, the home already was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. Departments responding to the fire included: Tri-Communities, Batts, Elba, Goodman, New Brockton, Ito and Kinston volunteer fire departments and the Enterprise Fire Department.

Approximately 40 firefighters battled the blaze and exhaustion as they worked together to extinguish the fire.

County BOE conducts short and routine monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Oct. 5, for the regular monthly board meeting and quickly worked through the agenda.

Board members began the meeting by adopting a resolution to be sent to the state board of education nominating Mike Gurspan of WTVY 4 News to the Education Media Honor Roll.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said Gurspan's nomination is warranted due to his continued positive coverage of the Coffee County Schools and events. Several board members echoed Ingram's remarks.

The board selected a voting delegate for the Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) meeting to be held Dec. 7th, 8th and 9th in Birmingham. Board members elected Larry Edkins as the voting delegate and Annette Griswold as the alternate delegate.

Ingram said the school system is up for a consolidated review by the state at the end of October. Before the review, she said she

wanted to "clean up" the policies book for the school system.

Ingram said the policies book contained many items that are now outdated because those policies have become law, and once a law, it can no longer be a policy.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the recommendations made by Ingram to clean up the policies book.

Board members unanimously approved personnel matters recommended by the superintendent. These included:

• Approve catastrophic leave for Janie Wiggins, physical education teacher at Kinston School, beginning approximately Nov. 15, 2006 through Jan. 8, 2007.

Support

• Accept the resignation of Brenda Stuckey as LPN/Special Education Aide at Zion Chapel School, effective Oct. 6, 2006.

• Accept the resignation of Christine Baker, lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School, effective Oct. 5, 2006 and accept her retirement effective Dec. 1, 2006.

During remarks from board members, Annette Griswold

asked about school safety. In light of the recent school shootings, she wondered if Coffee County needed to be doing anything different.

Dr. Ingram said each school has a safety plan in place. She said there is a different safety plan based on the school's design and makeup; however, she said the safety plans are active and officials are kept up-to-date.

The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Nov. 2, in Elba.

REMINDER

The Elba Police Department continues to accept participants for the upcoming Women's Safety Course. Anyone interested should call Chief Freddy Hanchey at (334) 897-2555.

The course will include instruction on firearm safety and personal safety with both classroom and hands-on training.

Class size is limited. Those interested should call now.

Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

Officer Robert W. LaVoie joined the Elba Police Department approximately 2 1/2 months ago; however, he is no stranger to law enforcement.

Officer LaVoie has a total of 10 years service in law enforcement. His previous service includes being a member of the Enterprise Police Department and serving with the United Nations.

When asked why he chose a career in law enforcement, Officer LaVoie said, "I always wanted to help people, and I love the excitement that comes with the career."

He has special/advanced training from the Montgomery Police Department and is a drug interdiction K-9 handler.

Officer LaVoie said his most memorable police experience thus far has been working in the United Nations as a peace keeper during a mission in Kosovo which involved working with



Officer Robert W. LaVoie

different police officers from other countries.

In his spare time, LaVoie enjoys spending time with his family and friends, fishing and football. He and his wife, Olivia, have two children, Justice, age 8, and Robert, age 6.

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